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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees, without prejudice.

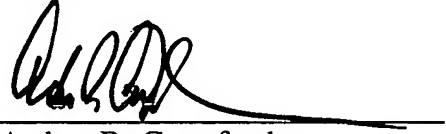
The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and to include the abstract.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

In the treatment of HIV administration of dsRNA at an appropriate stage in highly active antiretroviral (HAART) therapy of HIV allows for the discontinuation of HAART by increasing the time to HIV rebound after stopping HAART.